

Amendments to the claims

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A golf swing plane training apparatus ~~of claim 10,~~
~~wherein means for suspending said pair of elastic cord comprises~~ comprising:

(a) a pair of elastic cords suspended substantially parallel to the ground and parallel to each other at a predetermined height; and

(b) a free standing frame structure suspending said pair of elastic cords in tension, wherein

(i) said free standing frame structure comprises comprising:

(A) a first end attachment member secured to a first base assembly and a first vertical support, and

(B) a second end attachment member secured to a second base assembly and a second vertical support; and

(C) a forward spreader member separating said first base assembly from said second base assembly at a predetermined distance sufficient to accommodate a full swing with a driver given golf club; and
~~an aft spreader member separating said first base assembly from second base assembly complementing said forward spreader member~~

(ii) said free standing frame structure has sufficient reinforcement to allow the repeated urging and relieving of forces upon said pair of elastic cords from a multitude of directions, whereby a golfer can swing the given golf club between said pair of elastic cords to determine if said swing is correct.

12. (Previously presented) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means for adjusting the height of said elastic cords, whereby accommodating golfers of varying heights and golf clubs of different lengths.

13. (Currently amended) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a plurality of attachment locations along said first end attachment member

and said second end attachment member, whereby distance between said elastic cords can be adjusted accommodating golfers of varying skill levels.

14. (Currently amended) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim ~~10~~ 11, wherein ~~the~~ said pair of elastic cords is substantially perpendicular to the intended swing plane of the golfer.

15. (Previously presented) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means for rendering said golf swing plane training apparatus collapsible, whereby improving portability.

16. (Currently amended) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim ~~15~~ 11, further comprising an aft spreader member, a first spacer member, a second spacer member, a first brace member, and a second brace member, wherein ~~means for rendering~~

(a) said apparatus is collapsible; ~~comprises:~~

(b) said first base assembly is pivotably secured to aft end of said first attachment member adapted to rest on a practice surface;

(c) said second base assembly pivotably secured to aft end of said second attachment member adapted to rest on a the practice surface;

(d) said first vertical support ~~comprising:~~ comprises (i) a first upper vertical support member pivotably secured to forward end of said first end attachment member, (ii) a first lower vertical support member pivotably secured to forward end of said base assembly, and (iii) a first clamp assembly, whereby said first upper vertical support member can be releaseably and slidably attached to said first lower vertical support member;

(e) said second vertical support ~~comprising:~~ comprises (i) a second upper vertical support member pivotably secured to forward end of said second end attachment member, (ii) a second lower vertical support member pivotably secured to forward end of said base assembly, and (iii) a second clamp assembly, whereby said second upper

vertical support member can be releaseably and slidably attached to said second lower vertical support member;

(f) said forward spreader member ~~comprising:~~ comprises (i) a first forward articulating leg secured to forward end of said first base assembly, (ii) a second forward articulating end secured to forward end of said second base assembly, and (iii) a third clamp assembly, whereby said first forward articulating leg can be releaseably attached to said second forward articulating leg while resting on said practice surface;

(g) said aft spreader member ~~comprising:~~ separating said first base assembly from said second base assembly complimenting said forward spreader member and comprises (i) a first aft articulating leg secured to aft end of said first base assembly, (ii) a second aft articulating leg secured to aft end of said second base assembly, and (iii) a fourth clamp assembly, whereby said first aft articulating leg can be releasably attached to second aft articulating leg while resting on said practice surface;

(h) a said first spacer member is pivotably attached to the aft end of said first base assembly and a fifth clamp assembly secured to an inner portion of said first forward articulating leg, whereby said first spacer member can be releasably attached to said first forward articulating leg;

(i) a said second spacer member is pivotably attached to the aft end of said second base assembly and a sixth clamp assembly secured to an inner portion of said second forward articulating leg, whereby said second spacer member can be releasably attached to said second forward articulating leg;

(j) a said first brace member ~~comprising:~~ comprises (i) a first outer brace member pivotably attached to an upper end of said first lower vertical support member, (ii) a first inner brace member pivotably attached to the inner portion of said first forward articulating leg, and (iii) a seventh clamp assembly, whereby said first outer brace member can be releasably attached to said first inner brace member; and

(k) a said second brace member ~~comprising:~~ comprises (i): a second outer brace member pivotably attached to an upper end of said second lower vertical support member, (ii) a second inner brace member pivotably attached to the inner portion of said

second forward articulating leg, and (iii) an eighth clamp assembly, whereby said second outer brace member can be releasably attached to said second inner brace member.

17. (Currently amended) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim ~~15~~ 16 fabricated with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes, fittings, pivoting means, and clamping means.

18. (New) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 11, further comprising an aft spreader member separating said first base assembly from said second base assembly complimenting said forward spreader member.

19. (New) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 11, wherein the free standing frame structure is operable to be collapsible.

20. (New) A golf swing plane training apparatus comprising:

(a) a first cord and a second cord, wherein each of the first cord and the second cord have a first end and a second end;

(b) a first base assembly having a first attachment member, wherein the first ends of the first cord and the second cord are attached to the first attachment member;

(c) a second base assembly having a second attachment member, wherein the second ends of the first cord and the second cord are attached to the second attachment member;

(d) a spreader connected to the first base assembly and the second base assembly such that the first cord and the second cord are suspended in tension substantially parallel to the ground and parallel to each other and form a swing plane through which a golfer can swing a given golf club between the first cord and the second cord during proper swinging of the golf club, wherein

(i) the first attachment member and the second attachment member are operable for adjusting the separation distance between the first and second cords, and

(ii) the first base assembly and the second base assembly are operable to adjust the height of the swing plane to accommodate for length of the given golf club and height of the golfer.

21. (New) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 20, wherein the first attachment member and the second attachment member are operable to pivot the cords.

22. (New) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 20, wherein the first attachment member and the second attachment member are operable to pivot the cords such that the cords form a plane that is substantially perpendicular to the swing plane.

23. (New) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 20, wherein the golf swing plane training apparatus is collapsible.

24. (New) The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 20 further comprising a first brace member attached to the first base assembly and a second brace member attached to the second base assembly, wherein the first brace member and the second brace member are operable for offsetting forces generated from at least one of the first cord and the second cord.

25. (New) A swing plane training apparatus comprising:

(a) a first cord and a second cord, wherein each of the first cord and the second cord have a first end and a second end;

(b) a first base assembly having a first attachment member, wherein the first ends of the first cord and the second cord are attached to the first attachment member;

(c) a second base assembly having a second attachment member, wherein the second ends of the first cord and the second cord are attached to the second attachment member;

(d) a spreader connected to the first base assembly and the second base assembly such that the first cord and the second cord are suspended in tension

substantially parallel to the ground and parallel to each other and form a swing plane between the first cord and the second cord, wherein

(i) the first attachment member and the second attachment member are operable for adjusting the separation distance between the first and second cords, and

(ii) the first base assembly and the second base assembly are operable to adjust the height of the swing plane.

26. (New) The swing plane training apparatus of Claim 25, wherein the first base assembly and the second base assembly are operable to adjust the height of the swing plane to accommodate for height of the swinger.

27. (New) The swing plane training apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first attachment member and the second attachment member are operable to pivot the cords.

28. (New) The swing plane training apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first attachment member and the second attachment member are operable to pivot the cords such that the cords form a plane that is substantially perpendicular to the swing plane.

29. (New) The swing plane training apparatus of claim 25, wherein the swing plane training apparatus is collapsible.

30. (New) The swing plane training apparatus of claim 25 further comprising a first brace member attached to the first base assembly and a second brace member attached to the second base assembly, wherein the first brace member and the second brace member are operable for offsetting forces generated from at least one of the first cord and the second cord.